

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 783

By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Jerome P. Ellis on the occasion
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our superlative educators who bring special attention to their school systems and have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Ellis is one such extraordinary educator, who has served with probity for 23 years as the Superintendent/Director of the Robertson County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis inspires all of us to imagine a better future and create a better world by encouraging excellence in his students; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Springfield High School, Jerome Ellis received his Bachelor of Science and Masters in School Administration degrees from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Springfield and Robertson County have long recognized and appreciated Mr. Ellis as an educator and role model for young people; he served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Westside Elementary School from 1964-67 before serving an estimable tenure as the principal of Westside Elementary School from 1967-77; and

WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, Jerome Ellis has rendered astute service as the superintendent/director of the Robertson County School System; and

WHEREAS, under his capable leadership, all sixteen schools in the system were either renovated, expanded, or replaced by totally new facilities, and the system has grown from 7000 students and 350 teachers to 9,900 students and 700 teachers, in addition to the entire system being accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as of 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Ellis is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and is tremendously admired by students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis is an extremely giving person who motivates his faculty and staff to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Mr. Jerome Ellis is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Jerome P. Ellis our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.